

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2003 – 1000 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 212 new fires reported yesterday. Six new large fires were reported, four in the Eastern Area and two in the Southern Area. Ten large fires were contained, eight in the Eastern Area and two in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Colorado, Indiana, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center is established in Lufkin, Texas. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned in Palestine, Texas. Four Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Crisman, Gray, Morcom and Raley) are assigned in Longview, Nacogdoches, Corsicana, and Hemphill, Texas. Forty-eight agencies are cooperating in the search and collection of shuttle materials. Approximately 83 percent of the current assigned area, or 582,028 acres, has been searched.

NEWCASTLE, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. State and Federal personnel have been mobilized in response to the outbreak of the Exotic Newcastle Disease. They are working in support of the USDA APHIS operation under a Unified Command. Support operations are being conducted in Arizona, California, and Nevada.

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

PEACH ORCHARD, Ohio Division of Forestry. The fire, previously reported as Peach, is burning in 25-30 year old hardwood regeneration and is two miles west of West Portsmouth, OH. Active fire behavior was observed throughout the operational period in steep, inaccessible terrain. No significant spread is expected unless existing control line is breached.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PEACH ORCHARD	OH	OHS	766	80	UNK	45	1	10	0	4	NR
ESPELIE 3	MN	MNS	650	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	1.3K
MOOSE RIVER	MN	MNS	925	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	2K
GRANT CREEK	IL	MPF	234	100	---	14	0	0	0	0	5K
BLACK CAT	MN	MNS	860	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	2K
GREER LAKE 2003	MN	MNS	1,400	100	---	10	0	2	0	1	20K
WARFIELD ROAD	MI	HMF	764	100	---	11	0	2	0	5	200K
BILLS LAKE	MI	HMF	135	100	---	8	0	2	0	0	150K
CHIPPEWA PRAIRIE	MN	MNS	2,500	100	---	34	0	12	2	0	NR

MNS = Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
HMF = Huron-Manistee National Forest

MPF = Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BAKER FIRE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire, burning in stands of mixed hardwoods and pine, is eight miles southwest of Stilwell, OK. Gusting winds caused erratic fire behavior resulting in significant spotting.

MOLLENKOPF, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. The fire is four miles southwest of Antlers, OK, burning in tall grass and hardwoods. Rapid spread and short range spotting were observed yesterday. Completion of fire line is expected for today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BAKER FIRE	OK	OKS	485	85	4/17	9	0	4	0	0	NR
MOLLENKOPF	OK	OKS	180	90	4/17	21	0	6	0	0	NR
HANEY HOLLOW	OK	OKS	160	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR
RED EAGLE FIRE	OK	OSA	205	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	1K

OSA = Osage Agency, BIA

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Lower elevations of southeast Arizona and the southwest quarter of New Mexico, mostly below 8,500 feet, for strong southwest winds...low humidity and high or higher fire danger.

Fire Weather Watches: Oklahoma and Texas panhandles for increasing wind and low relative humidity on Friday.

Weather Discussion: A strong low pressure system will move out of Illinois and into the central Ohio Valley Area through this evening. This storm system will spark showers today from northern Georgia, where some thunderstorms are possible, through the Ohio Valley and into the U.P. of Michigan. A ridge of high pressure will build today in the central United States. Low pressure in the west will make its way onshore today, providing unsettled weather over most of the western states

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
EASTERN AREA Brisk south to southeast winds, moderate RH and low level instability may create isolated areas of elevated fire potential over the Eastern mid-Atlantic states	58 to 68	33 to 43%	Southeast to east wind 10 to 20 mph with gusts over 25 mph possible
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Southern Colorado: Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers mountains. Thunderstorms possible east slopes and grasslands.	Southern Colorado: 50s mountains to near 70 eastern grasslands.	Southern Colorado: Upper teens to mid 20s at lower elevations. Mid 20s to lower 30s mountains.	Southern Colorado: Increasing to 15-30 mph from southerly direction in the afternoon. Higher gusts near thunderstorms.

<p>SOUTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy and windy. Chance for rain and snow showers northern AZ and northwest NM. Isolated thunderstorms possible west Texas.</p>	<p>50s mountains, 60s to low 80s lower elevations.</p>	<p>10-30%</p>	<p>S to SW 15-30 mph with higher gusts.</p>
<p>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Showers.</p>	<p>30s-40s mountains 55-62 coasts, valleys 50s-70s deserts</p>	<p>60-70%</p>	<p>West 15 to 35 mph over the deserts and mountains, otherwise 10-20 mph.</p>



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TOPIC OF CHOICE:

FIRES AND ACRES FOR YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						7	7
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					1	5	6
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		2					2
Eastern Area	FIRES	17			2	46	12	77
	ACRES	8			25	2,259	308	2,600
Southern Area	FIRES	1				121	8	130
	ACRES	6				1,297	148	1,451
TOTAL	FIRES	18	1	0	2	168	23	212
	ACRES	14	2	0	25	3,557	468	4,066

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				1	48		49
	ACRES				432	219		651
Northwest	FIRES	3	1	1			3	8
	ACRES	1	0	1			1	3
Northern California	FIRES				4	90	16	110
	ACRES				2,210	19	12	2,241
Southern California	FIRES	1	4			225	51	281
	ACRES	0	1			21	16	38
Northern Rockies	FIRES	30	1	3		52	6	92
	ACRES	197	0	32		16,234	1,330	17,793
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		8			6	2	16
	ACRES		3			244	0	247
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES	35	16	3		135	51	240
	ACRES	44	2,789	274		4,072	167	7,346
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	6	4	1	39	5	60
	ACRES	123	2	213	200	223	15	776
Eastern Area	FIRES	521		35	14	2,290	201	3,061
	ACRES	50,925		1,485	614	63,206	3,588	119,818
Southern Area	FIRES	72		6	10	7,832	237	8,157
	ACRES	7,832		755	706	116,592	6,115	132,000
TOTAL	FIRES	667	39	52	30	10,717	572	12,077
	ACRES	59,122	2,797	2,760	4,162	200,830	11,244	280,915

Eight Year Average Fires	24,808
Eight Year Average Acres	527,184

Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the third reporting period in April

and

Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES FOR YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES		0				3	3
	ACRES		1				4	5
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						100	100
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					110		110
Southern Area	FIRES			1			5	6
	ACRES			350			3,820	4,170
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	1	8	10
	ACRES	0	1	350	0	110	3,924	4,385

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	8	73	145			59	285
	ACRES	679	8,750	4,640			2,679	16,748
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	5	10		70	95
	ACRES	31	120	16,865	499		3,861	21,376
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	2		62	67
	ACRES		25	37	12		7,829	7,903
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	5				9	15
	ACRES	12	308				931	1,251
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	8	3		4	3	19
	ACRES	18	746	300		121	62	1,247
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	4	11	4	4		196	219
	ACRES	485	7,719	816	4,877		14,025	27,922
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	8	10	5	3	21	73
	ACRES	1,718	838	391	349	43	2,760	6,099
Eastern Area	FIRES	8		46	7	119	82	262
	ACRES	9,937		9,706	1,556	13,800	19,308	54,307
Southern Area	FIRES	46		195	33	5,626	953	6,853
	ACRES	7,494		67,123	49,046	373,132	751,454	1,248,249
TOTAL	FIRES	96	115	409	61	5,752	1,455	7,888
	ACRES	20,374	18,506	99,878	56,339	387,096	802,909	1,385,102

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	1								11	
Northern California										
Southern California									16	299
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area	1	2	18	23	2	2			73	2
Southern Area	45	92	14	14	2				483	1131
Total	47	94	32	37	4	2	0	0	583	1432

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